

LOOK ... UP IN THE SKY ... IT'S A BUZZARD!
IT'S DOGPATCH AIRLINES!
IT'S...OH, GOD, I'M GOING TO BE SICK...
IT'S.....

KADATH!

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Yes, gone fans, this is KADATH, a journal (or something) of postal Diplomacy, carrying 1970BL (the Black and Blue game [as you can plainly see]). This game is being played by some of Diplomacy's guiding lights, leading citizens, and most wanted criminals. It is also being analyzed by eagle-eyed Rick Brooks (and sometimes by other people) and the whole thing is designed to help and advise people who play Diplomacy. What it is we are helping and advising them to do is another matter. Anyway, this particular pile of garbage pail lining is Pandemonium Publication #345, edited, published, and committed by Red Walker, 5058 Hawley Blvd., San Diego CA 92116; telephone (714) 282-1921; member, NFFCB DippyDiv, LEW DipSoc, and the DipAssoc.

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PAUL HARTLEY RETURNS! ENGLAND ATTACKS FRANCE, GERMANY, AND RUSSIA!!!

Spring 1904:

AUSTRIA (vonMetzke): NMR. A Ukr /h/ /d/.

ENGLAND (Cochran): F Mid-Spa(sc), F Eng-Bel, F Nwy-Swe, A Bel-Hol S
by F Nch.

FRANCE (Peery): A Pic-Bre, A Bur H /d//Mcr/, A Pic-Tyr, A Bre-Gas.

GERMANY (Nelson): A Ruh-Bur S by A Mun, A Tyr-Pic /d//Vie/, A Kie-Ber,
F Hol-Bon.

ITALY (Lakofka): F Nap-Tyr, A Ven S FRENCH A Pic-Tyr, A Apu S A Ven.

RUSSIA (Welsh): F StP(nc)-Nwy, A War-Gal, A Vie-Tri S by A Bud,
F Pot-Swe, A Sev-Ukr S by A Mos.

TURKEY (Maus): F Smy-Eas, F Aeg-Ion, F Tun-Wes, A Rum H S by F Bla,
A Bul-Gro, F Arm H, A Ser S RUSSIAN A Bud-Tri (nso).

SPRING 1903 ... Rick Brooks

What with Germany missing a move, France missing a retreat, and England attacking everyone he can reach, this game seems to have narrowed down to Turkey and Russia with Turkey having the edge. Now if England could make a deal with Russia, he'd have a chance. England has been foolish unless he has

an agreement with Russia, as his move into Holland will mainly help Russia. A continued alliance with Germany would have meant that F Denmark could support F Norway to Sweden and that A Berlin could continue to move east. Not to mention helping push France under faster.

The principal criticism of the English doublecross of Germany is that it didn't gain him anything, while it seems to have cost him much. He can hold Holland and Spain, thus gaining 2 builds. If he had moved A Bel-Pic and F Eng-Mid, he could have taken Portugal this Fall and had 2 builds; he might even have gotten S. Assume that England had moved F Eng-Mid and A Bel-Pic. If the dislodged FRENCH A Lur retreated to Paris, England could move F Mid-Fox, F Spa(sc) S GERMAN A Lur-Mar, F Nth-Swe, F Nth-Noy, A Pic-Bur. Germany could take Marseilles, support F Nth-Swe, and block Burgundy by moving A Mun-Lur (unless A Bur S A Gas-Bur or vice versa).

If France retreated to Marseilles, A Pic S F Mid-Bre (since Picardy would be available to support a German move into Burgundy) and F Spa(sc) S GERMAN A Lur-Mar could take one of the two centers. F Mid-Gas to cut possible support as a bad move. A Gas-Spa would block Germany out of Marseilles, and the gain of a center would depend on outguessing France over Paris and Brest. Moving F Mid-Gas would cut support for A Mar-Spa; however, a successful support of Marseilles to Spain would dislodge F Spa(sc) (to retreat to Portugal), A Lur could take Marseilles, and F Mid would take Brest.

England could have lost Belgium by moving A Bel-Hol and following up with F Eng-Bel. If France had moved A Pic S A Bur-Bel, F Eng would have been stood off and A Bur would have taken Belgium. In the Fall, England could move F Eng-Bel S by F Nth S A Hol, but assuming that Germany is a bit put out at seeing an English army in Holland, A Bur could help A Pic support A Bel. If England had moved F Eng-Mid, F Nth S A Bel would have held.

If England was set on a doublecross, F Eng-Mid, F Nth-Hol S by A Bel would have given him 3 builds and still risked Belgium no more. But this is also assuming that Germany didn't move F Hol-Nth. Those who are ready to doublecross don't tend to be too trusting.

England would have done better if he had waited until Fall, when Germany could have supported him into Sweden. Then he could be sure of 3 builds with Spain, Portugal, probably Sweden, and probably Holland. Supporting A Bur-Lur was sure to go. Then if Germany did learn what was going on and moved to Belgium, A Bel-Hol, F Nth-Bel would have gained Holland and held Belgium by blocking out A Bur.

England would have done best by helping Germany work over France for the next 2 years, consistently lousing up the attack on Sweden, then helping Russia take Germany. Russia and England would be more than a match for Turkey, and Russia is undoubtedly no fan of Turkey.

Germany's moves are hard to fault. In Diplomacy, you have to trust someone--especially the first few years--if you are to gain on the pack. A Sub-Bur gave him good position to help England dismember France and A Tyr-Pic would give him an even better position if A Pic dropped back to cover Marseilles. F Bel-Lur would allow him to help block Russia out of Sweden. A fast clean-up of France would allow him and England to stand a fair chance of taking on Russia and Turkey, counting on one to stab the other if his forward action were stalled.

France has done fairly well. A Pic-Bre was not a good move, as England was likely to go for the same thing, either Spain or F Eng-Bre S by Mid, changing that France could not support himself in. A Pic-Tyr allows him to hit Russia. If he still had his fleet, he'd be in fair shape.

Straits of Gibraltar. This seems putting units in Spain and the Mid-Atlantic. It may be that the Ach strategy is motivated by a desire to do this before some Eastern power, particularly Russia, assumes the classic "blockade" stance in this area (i.e. Eng, F Mid, F Mid [or F Int or F Eng], ordering F Mid W S by F Far S V Mid). Even assuming continued Italian hostility, Turkey may still feel secure in ignoring the single Italian fleet and heading west. As Rick has pointed out, getting anything out of Italy is a laborious process in any event--and if Turkey's diplomacy is shrewd, he may offer Italy some sort of survival in return for his cooperation in this Turkish drang nach osten. Well, whatever is going on, we are no doubt in for surprises; Turkey negotiated an agreement with Russia when no one expected it, so what might he not do in the next?

[Confession: I have cheated to this extent: the Fall 1904 moves are before me, Rick had adjudicated, so I write this. They are going out to the players and commentators. They will no doubt have something to say. Stay tuned for some interesting developments.]

LARRY has asked that the following be printed:

"First, I apologize for missing my retreat and then my build in the last year of moves. I hope this will be an illustration to all watching this game of how crucial such moves are and how a position can be rapidly ruined by missing such moves. I offer no excuses and again express my apologies. My only desire at this point is to end the game rapidly and start another.

"Second, with the exception of Maers, Cochran, Nelson, Lakofka, Welsh, and Eric, I think the remainder of the players in this game owe Rod an apology for their usual attitude and lack of respect toward both him and the other players. I, for one, render such an apology and will endeavor not to repeat my past mistakes."

The GM would like to add that Larry was out of town when the Autumn/Winter deadline fell due and could not be reached by telephone in consequence. Larry failed to retreat, had a unit annihilated, and then could build--but he missed the build at the same time and for the same reason that he missed the retreat. He thus missed not two operations, but only one.

Don't be too anxious to "get it over with", Larry...this game is beginning to take on truly unusual characteristics!

Finally, although I accept Larry's apology, I want to note that I don't think he owes us one. Larry, as a GM, knows the difficulties caused by missed moves and I know that he is always very concerned and conscientious about his games. But sometimes the real world intrudes in all this and you will forget something. The people who should apologize to the GM and their fellow players, the ones who play indifferently, miss nearly every other move, and finally have to be dropped, who are the real problem. Luckily, we have no such players in this game.

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